

April 24, 2017

**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 754 A: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, Creates offense of selling tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems to person under 21 years of age, effectively raising the legal age for buying such products from 18 to 21. Oregon would join Hawaii, California, and over 100 of the nation's largest cities in doing so.

We are disappointed that the Senate Committee on Health Care has substantially weakened this bill by adopting the -7 amendment, which significantly reduces the fines for violations of this law. For example, it reduces the fine on the owner of a business that sells tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems at retail who is guilty of 3 or more violations from \$5,000 (in the House-passed bill) to only \$1,000. We recommend that the Committee rescind that amendment.

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